



# United States Navy Biography

**MC1 (SW) David J. Kolmel**  
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David J. Kolmel, a Daytona Beach, Fla. native, entered the Navy in April 2006. After completing basic recruit training in Great Lakes, Ill., he reported to FT. Meade, MD, to attend Photographer's Mate "A" school.

Upon successful completion of "A" school, he was transferred to USS Dwight D. Eisenhower located in Norfolk, VA. The Eisenhower was on deployment in support of Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom. He was promoted to Mass Communication Specialist Third Class in May 2008.

In July of 2008 Kolmel went Temporary Assigned Duty (TAD) to Task Force Trident in Ft. Dix, N.J. for two and a half months of training before the unit when to Bagram Air Field, Afghanistan to perform a Detainee operations mission for nine months.

Upon returning to Eisenhower, they completed sea trails and on January 2010 departed for a deployment in support of OEF. He was promoted to Mass Communication Specialist Second Class.

In August 2010 after completing Eisenhower's eight month deployment he reported to Expeditionary Combat Readiness Center (ECRC) in San Diego, Calif. From there he was sent to FT. Jackson in S.C. for training. After completing his training he was sent to Kabul, Afghanistan to work with NATO Training Mission-Afghanistan to work a photographer and train Afghan Forces.

In November 2011 after departing ECRC he reported to U.S. Pacific Fleet where he is currently serving as staff Mass Communication Specialist. He was promoted to Mass Communication Specialist First Class on December 2013.

Petty Officer Kolmel's personal awards include the Joint Service Commendation Medal, Army Commendation Medal, Joint Service Achievement Medal, Navy Achievement Medal and multiple campaign and service awards.